

**MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2015 COMMENCING AT 1.03PM**

**MINUTES**

**1 PRESENT**

Mr Keith Draper (Chair), Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mrs Christine Robinson, Mr Terence Jacobson, Mrs Fiona Doe, Mr Herbert Johnson

**2 IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr Mary Knowles (until 2:00pm), Mr David Denman (Architect - Guest)(until 1:30pm), Mr Wayne Chellis (Works & Infrastructure Manager), Mr Leigh McCullagh (Works Supervisor), Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer)

**3 APOLOGIES**

Cr Leisa Gordon, Cr Andrew Calvert

**4 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Part 5, S48A – S56, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

*\*It should be noted that any person declaring an interest is required to notify the General Manager, in writing, of the details of any interest declared within 7 days of the declaration.*

Nil

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Mr Allan Cameron/Mrs Christine Robinson***

***That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday, 2 June 2015** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.***

**Carried unanimously**

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6.1 Street Lights**

Committee to note a request has been placed with TasNetworks to place uniform amber globes in the street lights in Church Street, Ross.

## **6.2 Meeting times**

Discussion was had with the Campbell Town District Forum who suggested 9:00am or 11:00am.

Position of the Ross Local District Committee is that meetings at 3:00pm is the most convenient time.

### **Action**

Miss Mason to suggest 1:00pm meeting to the Campbell Town District Forum.

## **6.3 Memorandum of Understanding**

The Committee to review the amended Memorandum of Understanding which has been amended to include Ross and the surrounding district. It is noted that in order to bring all Local District Committees into line in respect to terms, new agreements will run until 30 June 2016 at which time the new two year term will be implemented.

Committee resolved to agree to the terms of the MOU and the Chairperson signed the same.

## **7 MATTERS IN PROGRESS**

### **7.1 Ross Strategic Plan**

Committee to review outcome of 2015/16 budget in conjunction with strategic projects.

#### **Action:**

Miss Mason to provide update when minutes are circulated.

### **7.2 Motions to Council**

**Motion (17/03/2015):** *that Council request DPIPWE to release the calicivirus in Ross, was noted for investigation by Council at its meeting of 20 April 2015.*

#### **Update:**

Council decision made at June Council meeting to authorise Council officers to request the release of the virus in 2016.

Complete.

**Motion (17/02/2015):** *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have all cats registered is being investigated by Council officers.*

#### **Update:**

To be provided in January 2016 when outcome of State Government Cat Management Plan released.

**Motion (05/05/2015):** *That the Ross Canon be included on the heritage listing in the Northern Midlands Council Planning Scheme was noted by Council at its meeting of 18 May 2015 for investigation by Council and has been referred to the Planning Department to be included in next amendment to the Northern Midlands Planning Scheme.*

#### **Update:**

No update available, however, timeframe sought – Miss Mason to follow up.

**Motion (05/05/2015):** That Council investigate the possibility of offering a subsidy for returning bottles/can/drink bottles was noted by Council at its meeting of 18 May 2015 and has been referred to Council officers for investigation.

**Update:**

Issue listed to be discussed at next Northern Regional Waste Management Meeting.

### **7.3 Old Ross Bridge**

Works are complete.

**Action:**

Miss Mason to arrange thank you letter to State Growth on behalf of the Committee.

### **7.4 Canon**

Discussion has been had with Secretary of the RSL regarding the canon. Council to liaise with the RSL regarding any action to be taken. Mayor Downie spoke with representatives of the Wool Centre who have indicated they would like to contribute to project.

Suggested location to be on the grass behind war memorial.

**Action:**

Miss Mason to pursue design enquiries.

## **8 NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Ross Public Toilet**

Committee to review plans for Ross Public Toilet and provide comment.

Comments:

- Mens urinal – suggested grated urinal as opposed to wall hung. Noted to allow a height for children.
- Wire on top – will drip on people. Purpose is for it to be an entrance structure, wire can be removed.
- Temporary toilet would need to be installed during the building of the toilet.
- Male/female access toilet with baby change.
- Main block will be locked at night and access toilet will be open 24 hours.

The Committee resolved to support the concept plan and design.

### **8.2 Light Industrial Area in Ross**

Mr Johnson declared an interest and left the room at 1:33pm.

Mr Cameron gave a brief background on the matter.

Mr Thorpe indicated that he has been approached by some community members who have expressed concern about the proposal and suggested that there be some community consultation on the matter prior to a resolution being passed by this committee.

Suggested there be a community letter drop showing the proposed area and gauge community support. Consultation to include a bullet point of the history to give community members the background (refer to minutes of RLDC of September 2011).

## Action

Miss Mason to discuss with Mr Payton regarding what action needs to be taken and whether community consultation to come prior to reviving the matter.

Mr Johnson returned to the meeting at 1:43pm.

### **8.3 Budget**

The following items have been listed for works in Ross in 2015/16:

Streetscape improvements and public toilet replacement.

### **8.4 Dedicated bus stop in Ross**

Suggestion for designated bus shelter in front of the old Ross School ground. Committee to meet 20 minutes prior to next meeting to discuss appropriate location. Council then to discuss with bus companies.

### **8.5 Customer requests/Works Issues**

- Tables and chairs in southern end of Church Street require replacing. Mr McCullagh advised they will be replaced shortly.
- Spraying on Tooms Lake Road needs to be done. Mr Chellis and Mr McCullagh advised spraying is completed on an as need basis and will review the area.

Cr Knowles left the meeting at 2:00pm.

- Walk between river bank and caravan park needs cleaning up. Mr McCullagh noted for inspection.
- Park table near Wisteria Cafe is not in keeping with others in town. It was explained that table was installed to prevent cars parking on the nature strip. Mr Chellis to investigate.
- Compaction is an issue on Church Street, further discussion to be had with Mrs Doe.
- Requested that the Give Way sign at the intersection of Church and Bridge Street be changed to a Stop sign.

### **8.6 Anglican Church**

It was noted the stonework at the Anglican Church requires repair and the Church will be applying for funding to do so.

### **8.7 Planning issues**

Enquiry was made in respect to requirements for building on the skyline in Ross eg Park and Waterloo Streets.

## Action

Miss Mason to enquire with Planning Department and report back.

It was asked about where time frames come from for compliance with planning matters, for example, non compliant signs. The Committee was advised that most time frames are legislated, if not Council would have a policy.

### **8.8 Proposed road works on Mona Vale Road**

It was noted State Growth have requested the Wool Centre to display banners showing proposed road works.

## **8.9 Trees**

Mrs Fiona Doe to contact Mr Julian Von Bibra to discuss overhanging trees.

## **8.10 Tooms Lake Road**

Mr Chellis advised there are some small problems that need addressing re works conducted on Tooms Lake Road. It was noted the road was built to the standard. Mr Chellis and Mr Cameron to discuss further.

## **8.11 Ross Caravan Park**

The new lessees of the Ross Caravan Park have expressed interest in attending the Ross Local District Committee meeting.

### **Action**

Miss Mason to arrange.

## **9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, **4 August 2015** commencing at **TBA**.

The Chair closed the meeting at 2:27 pm.